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Dr. J. E. Prescott, the oculist, is now at the Brooks House.

A Washington dispatch announces an increase of pension to Jacob Cartledge of Brattleboro.

A staging and ladders have been raised to the top of the high smoke stack of the electric light station, in order that the stack may be painted.

Sixty-five Brattleboro people joined the excursion Wednesday to Providence Island in Lake Champlain. The excursionists report a delightful time.

A. V. May has sold for E. F. Bruce his house in Williamsville known as the O'Leary place, to Mrs. Marion Winchester of Marlboro, to be given Sept. 1.

Blanchard & Moore have decided to close out their grocery store in Esteville, and beginning next Monday will offer all their stock at cost, as announced in their advertisement in this paper.

August Johnson, an employee of the Carpenter Organ company, and Miss Betty Johnson, who was married at the Swedish Lutheran church this evening. They will make their home on Cedar street.

C. E. Deering and James Thomas and son were on Waukegan Sunday when they encountered one of the largest rattlesnakes that has been seen there in years. They killed the reptile with their canes. It had a length of 10 feet.

The first prize in the Mitteneague, Mass., road race last Friday was won by Charles W. Scanlon, formerly of West Brattleboro, one of the scratch men, who covered the distance, 14 miles, in 39 minutes and 17 seconds. He also secured one of the place prizes.

Frederick Main, the celebrated violinist of Boston, will play at the Howe-Lavin concert, Aug. 25, in place of Walfries as announced last week. The artist will be Paul H. Fox of the Boston Symphony orchestra. Orders for seats from Fox's news stand.

The affairs of the Wilcox & White Organ company of Meriden, Conn., are nearing a settlement. A new company with \$75,000 is being formed to buy the plant. Under the new company, J. H. Smith, who had general control, will certainly be the manager. The plant is now being run by the trustees.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harrington of Cedar street fell backward from the second story window of the house Wednesday afternoon. He was struck on the head and his collar bone was broken. The window sill being low down the little fellow was able to climb to it, and then lost his balance.

Dr. Smith will leave Lake Pleasant with special car for Queen City Park, Burlington, on Saturday, Aug. 25. Ticket \$1.75. The round trip, good going that day only, but good to return on any day or train within two weeks. The train leaves the lake at 9:30 A. M. and connects with the train from Springfield at Brattleboro. Passengers will be taken at any station.

Miss Augusta J. Pierce, the well-known owner of the stable house, Spofford lake, was severely injured Sunday evening by being kicked by a horse. She is now at Elliot City Hospital in Keene. Miss Pierce was leading her horse at the time and either fell or was struck by the animal, which stepped on her leg, causing a badly splintered compound comminuted fracture above the ankle, the flesh being very much torn.

The 62nd anniversary of the Windham county Baptist association will be held at Whitehall, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 25 and 26. Arrangements have been made with the Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington railroad to carry passengers to and from the meetings for one-half fare for the round trip. Teams will meet at the depot anyone coming on the trains.

There will be interesting sports at 4:40 A. M., 1:30 and 7 P. M., Wednesday, and 8 A. M. Thursday.

The Methodist union camp meetings will be held at Claremont Junction, Aug. 24 to 30. The Boston & Maine and Central Vermont railroads will sell special round trip tickets to those who wish to attend the meetings. The rate from Brattleboro will be \$1.75. The meetings will be in charge of the presiding elders of the two districts, Rev. L. B. Beeman and Rev. G. W. Norris. Geo. W. Stevens of Claremont will be in charge of the hotel, and board for the meeting will be \$4, with rooms at \$2.50 and \$3, and board by the day 50 cents.

There was a dramatic incident in H. M. Wood's store one day this week. A woman called and told Frank Knight, the clerk, that she wished to buy a cheap revolver to send away. She was examining several weapons when a man pushed through the doorway, and while uttering words that would hardly be called vulgar, seized the woman forcibly and pushed her out to the sidewalk. He then turned to the astonished salesman and instructed him not to sell the woman a weapon. He said she was his wife, and that she had threatened to take his life. The act closed with the husband rushing after his vindictive spouse, who had already hurried for home.

Miss Flora Lacava Newton, 62, died Wednesday evening from cancer at the Canal street home of her sister, Mrs. Ann Lamb. Miss Newton was one of the nine children of Alexis and Jane Newton, and was born on the old homestead in the north part of the town, just before the Civil war, and had lived in Peoria, Ill., the past 30 years. She was a seamstress of unusual ability, and found constant employment. She was a woman of energy, sound judgment and strength of character, and the great suffering of her last illness was borne with remarkable courage. She is survived by three sisters and a brother—Mrs. Lizzie Robinson of Peoria, Mrs. Ann Lamb, Mrs. Henry Jacobs of Guilford, and a brother, George Newton of this village. The funeral will be held at the Universalist church this afternoon.

The Tobacco Crop.

G. A. Billings, agent for Sutter Bros., who was in town early in the week, reports the early crop of tobacco in the lower part of the Connecticut valley as already harvested and housed in good condition. The quality is up to a fair average. The excitement of spraying the plants, just before cutting them, with a chemical solution to produce a resemblance to the spotted Sumatra leaf for cigar wrappers has apparently proved successful. The leaf retains its white spots after drying and the artificial treatment of the leaves is not yet too early to make a reliable estimate of the final condition and value of the crop in this immediate locality. Mr. Billings states that in several fields visited by him he found the lower leaves of the plant whitened or yellowed, producing a washed-out appearance, the result of the heavy and protracted rains. It was his intention to go through the local tobacco-growing area and buy some of the standing crops with which to try the artificial spotting experiment with the artificial spotting of the leaves to be of great benefit to the growers by inducing the cigar manufacturers to return to the use of the Connecticut valley leaf for wrappers. If this use can be reestablished it will continue after the fact for Sumatra spots has gone by, as it will in due time.

Next Monday being Bennington Battle day, the banks will be closed.

There will be a dance in Grange hall next Tuesday night, to which everybody is invited.

Miss Faith Tyler has moved her typewriting desk from the Brooks House to the office of the county clerk.

The annual reunion of the Burnett family will be held at the house of M. J. Guilford in Greenfield, Mass., on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The Vermont Mutual and Union Mutual fire insurance companies, which have local agencies, have levied their annual assessments of 10 per cent.

The four-year-old son of Fred Austin, who lives on the Richardson farm, broke his left arm at the elbow recently. The lad slipped and fell while at play.

A tally-ho party will go out to Putney tonight to attend the annual concert at the Congregational church at which the Amherst quartet of Boston will sing.

Mrs. S. S. Hunt and Mrs. C. A. Greene go to New York next Monday, for millinery goods and to attend the fall openings. The rooms in Crosby hotel will be opened Sept. 1.

"Sparks' Syndicate shows" are announced to exhibit on the island next Thursday afternoon and evening. A balloon ascension and parachute drop are promised for 2 P. M.

Bingham chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is arranging for a picnic to be held at Central park in Vernon, August 31. Members of the order at Putney and Greenfield and their families will be invited.

The 100-foot smoke stack on top of the electric light house is being painted red under the supervision of Michael Cavanaugh. The sight of the men at such a dizzy height has called out many spectators to see them at work.

An attempt will be made to secure special trains for Tuesday, Aug. 31, when Bennington Battle day is being celebrated annually, of 20 people will again be candidates for popularity with our theatre goers in their new comedy, "Dodge's Trip to New York."

An improvement which will be appreciated by theatre goers is being made at the Auditorium by E. R. Thayer. The seats between the aisle and the stage are being removed and the floor will be laid on an incline so that people will not stumble in leaving the house.

Col. Charles S. Forbes of St. Albans, who has been in Brattleboro this week, announces that the Vermontier will not be published from this date until the 1st of January, thus allowing those who wish to bind the whole of the present volume in one book without inconvenience.

Dr. Holton's horse took advantage of its liberty Wednesday afternoon and dashed from North Main street through Chase, Oak and High streets, and was killed where it collided with a post and piled up in a heap. It was caught by Chief of Police Hall. The carriage was badly damaged.

The residents of Williston street had a neighborhood lawn party Saturday evening on the grounds of W. S. Stearns. Supper was served under the big elm tree, and pleasant social diversions. About 40 were present, ranging in age from four months to 80 years. It is understood that the Oak street people are planning for a similar gathering.

B. J. Griffin of Springfield, Mass., one of the proprietors of Child's business college, is in town for this week and will, with headquarters at the Brooks House, in the interest of the college. A handsome catalogue of the college has just been issued, giving photographs of prominent public men who have been connected with the institution, as well as recent graduates.

Alice L. Powers, 40, wife of John Ward of Pelham, Mass., died of apoplexy last Friday. The funeral was held at Pelham Sunday. Mrs. Ward was born in East Corinth, this state, Dec. 25, 1856. She came to Brattleboro 26 years ago and lived here three years. She was the mother of three children, a mother, Mrs. Joseph Powers of Brattleboro, four sisters, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. E. S. Hall and Mrs. Mary Davidson of Pelham, and two brothers, Frank Powers of Cambridgeport, Brattleboro, and Elmer Powers of Corinth. All the family except Elmer were present at the funeral.

The following real estate was transferred at F. J. Bailey's agency this week: A house and lot in Melrose, Mass., owned by H. B. Haus, to Austin B. Fisher of Worcester, Mass., for \$10,000. A change of title of tenements at Oak Hill, Mass.; also Harry Pratt's Inn at Newfane, together with the furniture, fixtures, and livery, to E. M. Angier of Brattleboro. Mr. Pratt takes Mr. Angier's residence on Canal street in payment of the debt. Mr. Angier has leased the hotel of Mr. Angier for five years. He took formal possession yesterday. Mr. Pratt will remain at the hotel a few days. The house is sold to be in first-class condition and has from 20 to 30 summer boarders, and does a good transient hotel business.

The descendants of Capt. Jonathan Carver, several of whom live in Brattleboro and vicinity, will hold their second annual reunion at Maumee, Lucas county, Ohio, Aug. 25. Jonathan Carver was the grantee of 7,000,000 acres of land from the National land office, upon which the Edgemoor, Newfane and other cities now stand. The invitations to the reunion state that business of importance is to be transacted, and as the original deed of the land from the Indians to Carver has recently been found and is being preserved in the house of the town, it is hoped that the deed will be established the claim of the heirs to the title of the land. Mrs. F. W. Weeks of Brattleboro, who is a direct descendant of Capt. Jonathan Carver, will probably attend the reunion.

Charles Bean, proprietor of the East Eagle beer garden, was arrested at his home near the Connecticut river bridge Thursday night by Special Policeman W. G. Rockwell for selling liquor on this side of the river. Friday afternoon he was arraigned before Judge Newton and pleaded not guilty. The officers had a surprise in store for him, however, and introduced as a witness Edward E. Stapleton of Bellows Falls, who testified to having bought liquor of Bean on this side and that Bean delivered it and took pay for it in Vermont. The evidence was conclusive and Bean was sentenced to serve one year in the house of correction and to pay a fine of \$500. Bean appealed to the county court and was placed under \$500 bonds, which was furnished by Andrew F. Horton. The officers had suspected for some time that Bean was selling liquor in Vermont but they could not get sufficient evidence, and so hired Stapleton to make the transaction to which he testified in court. Bean was prosecuted for selling liquor in Vermont on May 21 of last year but on his promise that he would sell no more liquor in Vermont the court let him go. He has now been caught and is now in the house of correction. H. G. Barber appeared for Bean Friday and C. C. Fitts for the state. On Saturday night Gilbert Murray, who works for N. T. Ryan, stole into Manning's pool room in Winton block and became so boisterous that Mr. Manning had Policeman Worden arrest him. He pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication before Judge Newton Monday morning and was fined \$5 and costs. He disclosed that he procured his liquor of Bean.

THREE COTTAGES DESTROYED

By Fire on Vernon Street This Morning—A Loss of \$2500, Probably—Origin of Fire Unknown.

Three small frame dwelling houses on the lower part of Vernon street went up in smoke between 4 and 6 o'clock this morning. They were owned by Patrick Baker, Eugene Ferriter and John Guilhen, and their combined value was about \$2500, which was partly covered by insurance through the local agencies.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by Daniel Moriarty, who lived in the house with Mr. Guilhen. One of Mr. Guilhen's sons, who was tending to go to Chester on the morning train, requested Mr. Moriarty to call him at 4 o'clock. Mr. Moriarty did not get there until 4 o'clock. Looking out of the south window he saw that the L. of Mr. Baker's house was on fire. He shouted "fire" and aroused the family, which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Guilhen and five children. Patrick Guilhen ran as quickly as possible to Westlake bridge and pulled in the alarm from box 33, but it was some time before the department reached the scene as it was necessary to lay nearly half a mile of hose.

The fireman was stationed near Westlake bridge near the Brattleboro House. The fire had gotten under such headway, however, that it was impossible to save the buildings with but one stream of water.

About the same time that Mr. Moriarty discovered the fire a crackling sound was heard by Mrs. Ferriter, who, with her husband, four children and two boarders, lived in the house next below Baker's. She thought her own house was on fire and quickly aroused her family. The children, in their haste to escape, fell down the stairs, but none of them were hurt. Mr. and Mrs. Baker also escaped.

The work of getting out the furniture was at once begun, the neighbors who had arrived assisting, and each family saved a part of their goods. Mr. Ferriter's house was a part of the furniture, Mr. Baker's four, most of the children's clothing, 10 hens and probably more furniture than in either of the other houses. It was insured with Sherman & Jenne for \$500. Mr. Baker's house will also be a total loss. At least 10 of his large and small pictures, his loss is partly covered by insurance.

Both Mr. Ferriter's and Mr. Baker's houses were one-story cottages. Mr. Guilhen's house was newer and more valuable than the others and was one and one-half stories high. The L and part of the main structure was burned down. Mr. Guilhen also lost six cords of hard wood and about 20 hens. His loss is covered by \$1000 insurance, also with Sherman & Jenne.

MORTGAGES FORECLOSED.

The Brattleboro Livery Company Will Be Sold Out August 25.

Chattel mortgages amounting to \$7700 upon the equipments of the livery stable of H. M. Adams have been foreclosed this week, and the property, which has been advertised for sale at public auction, Aug. 25, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the stable grounds. The mortgages were made by Adams, under the impression that he had a right to sell the property described in the mortgage, to replace it with a new lot of horses and carriages, and a number of carriages covered by the mortgage and bought others to take their places. No such provision was contained in the mortgage, however, and when Mr. Smith found that his security had been materially reduced he attached the property, and began foreclosure proceedings in order to be able to collect the face of the note and \$300 accumulated interest. This was on Aug. 3. At that time notices for a sheriff's sale of the following property were made: Adams' livery stable, 25 horses, 25 carriages, six open wagons, four surreys, traps, road carts, express wagons, six hacks, sleighs, harness, robes of all kinds, mats, and in fact everything used in and around a first-class livery stable, together with the three-story carriage house on the south side of Flat street and a three-year's unexpired lease of the livery stable at Oak Hill, Mass.

Mr. Adams believed he could persuade Mr. Miner to assume the first mortgage and the second property being sold. For a while it was apparent that that would be the outcome of the matter, but Mr. Miner concluded not to assume the first mortgage and on Wednesday the sheriff's sale was posted.

Mr. Miner's mortgage was given on Dec. 28, 1896, to secure him for having signed a note with Adams as surety for the sum of \$2700 payable to the People's National Bank. It covered the property named in Mr. Smith's mortgage which had not been sold, and the property which was sold took the place of that which had not been sold. Mr. Miner paid the note at the bank Wednesday and also began foreclosure proceedings, advertising the property for sale at public auction at the same time and place as advertised by Mr. Smith. With the attachment have since been executed in favor of E. Crosby & Co. for \$100, and Fenton Brothers, blacksmiths, for \$180.

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